Supply of medicines for hospitals and dispensaries.

17. *Mr. N. V. Chacko: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that most of the hospitals and dispensaries belonging to the Government in the taluks of Parur, Kunnathnad, Muvattupuzha and Devicolam are not supplied with sufficient quantity of useful and necessary medicines;

(*b*) whether they are aware that most of the hospitals and dispensaries referred to in part (*a*) did not in the months of Chingom and Kanni 1113 possess medicines which are daily needed; and

(*c*) the causes for such a condition?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai (*Ag. Surgeon-General*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*), this does not arise.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether it is to be understood that the Government have no information about the actual condition of the hospitals referred to in the question?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai: The Government are not aware that they were not supplied with necessary medicines.

Road Leading from the Kuriapalli road to Munambam.

18. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the road, leading from the Kuriapalli road to Munambam in Parur taluk;

(*b*) the number of passengers including school students that pass and repass that road daily;

(*c*) the number of culverts in the same and their present position and safety;

(*d*) whether that road is under water even in summer during high tide;

(*e*) whether they have received memorials from the inhabitants of Vatakkekara pakuthi in Parur taluk to raise the level of that road and for putting up culverts in the same; and

(*f*) when such memorials were received and what action has been taken by the Government in that matter?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) about 2¼ miles up to Munambam ferry.

(*b*) About 200 students and about 500 persons on market days.

(*c*) Six culverts. All these are now in sound condition to withstand pedestrian traffic.

(*d*) Yes.

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